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Consumer Price Index – March 2013

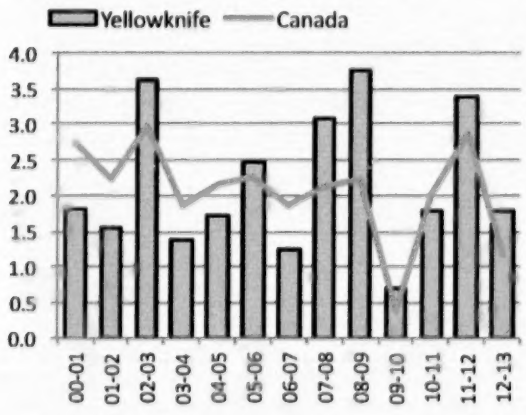
Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index rose 1.6% from March 2012. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.0% for Canada, 1.2% for Whitehorse and 1.0% for Edmonton.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (2002=100)

				% Change from		12-Month Average		
	13-Mar	13-Feb	12-Mar	13-Feb	12-Mar	12-Apr 13-Mar	11-Apr 12-Mar	% Change
Yellowknife	125.6	125.4	123.6	0.2	1.6	124.8	122.6	1.8
Whitehorse	121.5	121.2	120.1	0.2	1.2	121.3	118.8	2.1
Canada	122.9	122.7	121.7	0.2	1.0	122.0	120.6	1.2
Edmonton	128.3	128.0	127.0	0.2	1.0	127.6	126.6	0.8

Compared to March 2012, consumer prices in Yellowknife increased for most major components. The highest price increases were for alcoholic beverages & tobacco products (3.9%) and food (3.7%). While food prices have risen over the last year, the majority of the increase has been over the last few months. Since December 2012, food prices have increased by 3.1%, the largest three-month increase since June 2010.

Annual Inflation Rate (Year Ending March 31)
Canada & Yellowknife, 2000/01 to 2012/13



The annual inflation rate shows how prices change from one year to the next based on the 12-month average index. Governments tend to use this rate for the fiscal year (ending March 31) to evaluate the prices of their goods and services. Between 2011/12 and 2012/13, the annual inflation rate for Yellowknife increased by 1.8%. By comparison, the rate increased by 1.2% for Canada, 0.8% for Edmonton and 2.1% for Whitehorse.

Both the Yellowknife and Canadian inflation rates were lower in 2012/13 than 2011/12. However, this is the second consecutive year where the rate has been higher in Yellowknife than in Canada.

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Selected Indexes, Yellowknife (2002 = 100)

	13-Mar	13-Feb	12-Mar	% Change from 13-Feb	% Change from 12-Mar
All Items	125.6	125.4	123.6	0.2	1.6
Food	128.1	126.2	123.5	1.5	3.7
Food from Stores	126.8	124.3	121.8	2.0	4.1
Food from Restaurants	131.4	131.2	127.8	0.2	2.8
Shelter	146.1	146.1	144.1	-	1.4
Water, Fuel & Electricity	186.1	186.2	182.2	-0.1	2.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.0	109.8	108.6	0.2	1.3
Household Operations	118.8	118.9	119.1	-0.1	-0.3
Household Furnishings	92.1	91.3	88.3	0.9	4.3
Clothing & Footwear	100.0	99.6	98.6	0.4	1.4
Clothing	93.4	92.7	93.6	0.8	-0.2
Footwear	94.4	93.8	86.7	0.6	8.9
Clothing Accessories & Jewellery	140.4	141.4	136.8	-0.7	2.6
Clothing Material, Notions & Services	109.1	109.1	110.3	-	-1.1
Transportation	119.8	120.3	118.5	-0.4	1.1
Private Transportation	120.3	120.8	117.6	-0.4	2.3
Public Transportation	121.0	121.4	124.9	-0.3	-3.1
Health & Personal Care	117.2	118.3	116.9	-0.9	0.3
Health Care	116.7	117.4	117.1	-0.6	-0.3
Personal Care	118.6	119.9	117.7	-1.1	0.8
Recreation, Education & Reading	99.5	100.0	99.6	-0.5	-0.1
Recreation	96.1	96.8	96.7	-0.7	-0.6
Education & Reading	119.9	119.4	117.2	0.4	2.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	158.5	158.3	152.6	0.1	3.9
Alcoholic Beverages	144.4	144.5	138.5	-0.1	4.3
Tobacco Products & Smokers' Supplies	172.5	171.8	167.3	0.4	3.1
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All-Items Excluding:					
Food	125.0	125.2	123.6	-0.2	1.1
Energy	120.6	120.4	118.7	0.2	1.6
Shelter	117.1	116.9	115.1	0.2	1.7
Alcoholic Beverages	125.1	125.0	123.3	0.1	1.5
Tobacco Products	124.6	124.4	122.7	0.2	1.5
Housing (1986 Definition)	134.6	134.6	132.8	-	1.4
Energy and its Components:					
Energy	181.5	181.4	179.5	0.1	1.1
Electricity	167.5	167.5	158.5	-	5.7
Fuel Oil And Other Fuels	255.3	255.3	260.5	-	-2.0
Natural Gas	..	..	..	..	..
Gasoline	157.9	157.6	157.7	0.2	0.1
Fuel, Parts and Supplies for Rect'l Vehicles	..	..	..	..	..

Note: Additional indexes are available from T-stat and Statistics Canada Catalogue 62-001.
Source: Statistics Canada